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Serial No. 09/672,225 )  
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Filed: September 27, 2000 )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following preliminary amendments and to consider the following remarks.

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following after the title of the application:

**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/672,225, now U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on September 27, 2000.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-37.

- 1           38.    A method for receiving compensation for a server receiving a digital  
2   photography game entry from a user comprising:  
3               determining an amount of compensation based on type of digital  
4   photography game chosen by the user;  
5               requesting the amount of compensation from the user; and  
6               receiving the amount of compensation.
- 1           39.    The method of claim 38 further comprising:  
2               disallowing access to a digital photography game system server by the user until  
3   the amount of compensation is received.
- 1           40.    The method of claim 38 further comprising:  
2               validating the amount of compensation received.
- 1           41.    The method of claim 38, wherein determining the amount of  
2   compensation comprises:  
3               determining if the user subscribes to a plan offered by the online digital  
4   photography game system server; and  
5               calculating the amount of compensation in accordance with terms of the  
6   plan.
- 1           42.    A method for receiving compensation for a server comprising:  
2               displaying an advertisement as part of an online digital photography game;  
3               requesting an amount of compensation from an advertiser; and receiving

4 the amount of compensation.

1 43. The method of claim 42 further comprising:

2 incorporating products of the advertiser into a series of scavenger hunt

3 clues as part of the online digital photography game.

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**REMARKS**

The present application is being filed as a divisional of application serial number 09/672,225, filed September 27, 2000, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the present application as amended.

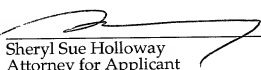
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